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SUBJ: PENDING US BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN IN FOOD AND  
BEVERAGES

REF : STATE 63338

1. REFTEL PARA ONE, COMMISSIONER, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA), MAHARASHTRA STATE, PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON REGULATION RELATING TO USE OF SACCHARINE IN THE STATE. FDA ACTS AS AN ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S (GOI) PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT 1954 AND PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION RULES 1955, WHICH COVERS USE OF SACCHARINE.

2. ACCORDING TO FDA, SACCHARINE IS FREELY AVAILABLE IN MAHARASHTRA IN TABLET AND LIQUID FORMS FOR CLINICAL AND DIETETIC USES AND IS SOLD OVER-THE-COUNTER BY RETAIL CHEMISTS. A FDA REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED US THAT THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS OF ITS SALE BEING BANNED.

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3. ODDLY ENOUGH, SACCHARINE IS NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED IN ANY FOOD ARTICLES EXCEPT CARBONATED BEVERAGES TO THE EXTEND OF 100 P.P.M. ACCORDING TO FDA, ITS USE IN SUCH BEVERAGES IS LIKELY TO BE DISALLOWED IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT CAN BE HAD FROM THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD STANDARDS,

NIRMAN BHAVAN, MAULANA AZAD ROAD, NEW DELHI 110 011, A GOI  
AGENCY ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING AND MONITORING FOOD STANDARDS.  
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